

MT YOUTH IN TRANSITION CONFERENCE

A two-day conference focused on improving transition outcomes and post-secondary opportunities for youth with disabilities.

**STUDENT— FOCUSED
PLANNING**

**Interagency
Coordination**

Family Involvement

Real Life Fair

Independent Living

Vocational Planning

Education and Job Training

Parent Resources and Support

Self-Advocacy

Nov. 14-16, 2012
RED LION COLONIAL
HELENA, MT

MYT 2012

"The transition conference has been an invaluable resource for helping my students plan for their future. Without MYT we would feel lost or in the dark, they have provided us with the light to lead the way!"
~ Caley Clark, teacher



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What to Expect...

In the spirit of discovery, the annual Montana Youth Transitions (**MYT**) Conference will seek to answer important questions about the challenging journey into adulthood for Montana's youth with disabilities. It will be an opportunity for students, parents, teachers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, case managers and others to network, explore resources, and discover pathways to meaningful futures!

During the conference, there will be a **Real Life Fair** with vendors representing education, independent living, recreation, employment, and other supportive services.

Presenters will include well known keynotes as well as **Montanans** who have themselves gone through the transition process and can offer insight, guidance and support.

A **youth track** will also be provided to start youth on their own individualized transition journey.

MYT 2012

"I liked meeting other kids. I learned about how to stand up and keep trying. I learned about job options."

~ Rahkei, student

For details and registration information:

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KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Josie Badger recently finished her year as Ms. Wheelchair America 2012. In April 2011 she completed her coursework and comprehensive examination for her PhD in Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University and is currently starting her dissertation. She graduated school for rehabilitation counseling at the University of Pittsburgh in April 2009. In May of 2007, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Geneva College, majoring in Disability Law and Advocacy.

Josie has served as president and vice president of the National Youth Leadership Network. On the state level, Josie is also a founding member, and ex-president of the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network. She also works with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh on the family forum. Josie was named Glamour Magazine's 11th "Top College Women of 2006." Josie works at the Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center as Youth Coordinator for the State Implementation Grant, assisting families in healthcare transition.

Josie is an expert on Self-Advocacy, and presents from a first hand experience on tips to be successful as a person with a disability. Josie is a strong advocate and leader and teaches as well as lives an effective independent living philosophy. Successful transition outcomes for young people with disabilities is her passion.

As a young boy, Nelson Lauver fell through the cracks of an educational system that was ill-prepared to deal with a student who couldn't learn like the rest. Socially promoted (just passed through), he actually graduated from high school and received a diploma he struggled to read. He knew he was different...he just didn't know why.

After nearly a dozen more years struggling as a functionally illiterate young adult, an amazing chance encounter and the utterance of one word – dyslexia – changed Nelson's life and set him on a journey that few would have imagined.

Today Nelson is an acclaimed author, broadcast journalist, speaker, humorist, and human rights advocate. He is known to radio listeners across the country for "The American Storyteller Radio Journal," a daily 4-minute slice of the American experience.

Nelson's newly released, award winning memoir, *Most UnLikely to Succeed*, is an inspirational story of hope and determination against seeming insurmountable odds.



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Dr. Ed O'Leary has spent over 40 years working in and with schools as a secondary special education teacher, special education consultant, transition specialist, work experience coordinator, program specialist, and program director. He has also taught at the graduate and undergraduate level and has worked in Vocational Rehabilitation. He has trained and presented nationally on the transition requirements under IDEA 97 and IDEA 2004 and has developed an approach in helping districts and states meet the transition requirements and demonstrate improvement and results. The Transition Outcome Projects has or is operating in 27 states/territories and over 1,500 districts. States/districts that have been imple-

menting the Transition Outcomes Project (TOPs) have demonstrated, through trend data, improvements in meeting many of the transition requirements.

Dr. O'Leary works one-half time for the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) program at Utah State University. TAESE is a division of the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University. TAESE provides a variety of services such as event planning, training, and education-focused consultation. TAESE is the organization that administers the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, the TASK12 education interpreter training and certification program, the national Dispute Resolution Consortium, and a variety of other State and federal contracts and technical assistance agreements. The mission of TAESE is to help State agencies, schools, early intervention providers, and families improve outcomes for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities

During his other one-half time he operates his own consulting firm, Educational Consulting, Inc. In that capacity he provides training and technical assistance, as well as speaking on secondary special education and transition service issues to educators, adult agencies and parents, nationally.

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OCTOBER 31ST. CALL 406-443-2100 TO RESERVE YOUR ROOMS TODAY!**



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MT Youth in Transition Conference

Helena, MT

November 14–16, 2012

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

11:30 AM-1:00 PM Registration

1:00- 2:30 PM

Opening Remarks

Keynote Presentation: ***Aspire to Empower*** (Josie Badger)

2:45- 3:45 PM

Concurrent Sectionals

- Teaching Financial Literacy (SAF)
- The *RIGHT* to be Successful (Greg Misner)
- Transitioning to Post-secondary Education (Jim Marks)
- *Youth Track*: Transition Planning Overview (Conference Staff)

4:00- 5:00 PM

Concurrent Sectionals

- Recovery and Mental Illness: Promising Futures for Young Adults (Jane Wilson)
- SMART Surfing – Tips for Staying Safe on the Internet (Kim Brown, Rural Institute)
- College and the Support Services Available for Indian Country
- MT Career Information System (Kehli Kankleborg)
- *Youth Track*: Who Am I? Where Do I Want to Go? How So I Get There? (VR Staff)

7:00 PM

Meet and Greet Social, Karaoke!

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Breakfast provided

8:15- 9:30 AM

Opening Remarks

Keynote Presentation: ***Ordinary Americans, Extraordinary People*** (Nelson Lauver)

9:45- 10:45 AM

Concurrent Sectionals

- Age Appropriate Transition Assessment (Ed O'Leary)
- Transitioning Students to Adulthood (Dr. Marlow)—PART 1
- The Missing Therapy (Sierra Lode)
- Making Successful Transitions with Self-Confidence (Gary McManus)
- *Youth Track*: Changing Dreams into Goals (Josie Badger)

11:00- 12:00

Concurrent Sectionals

- Measurable Post-Secondary Goals- What, Why, How (Ed O'Leary)
- Transitioning Students to Adulthood (Dr. Marlow)—PART 2
- Charting Your Course (Nelson Lauver)
- Emerging Leaders: You Can Be One, Too! (Kim Brown, Consumer Advocacy Council)
- *Youth Track*: How to's for Impressing Employers (Helena Job Service)

12:00- 1:30 PM

Luncheon: Panel Presentation

1:45- 3:15 PM

Concurrent Sectionals

- Transition Services: Writing a Coordinated Set of Activities (Ed O'Leary)
- Get Ready, Get Informed (Margaret Keener, Ann Verploegen)
- Supporting Students at the University of MT (Jen Closson)
- Youth Opening Doors through Advocacy (Michael Beers)
- *Youth Track*: Financial Literacy 101 (Student Aid Foundation)

3:30- 5:00 PM

Concurrent Sectionals

- Transition: The Roles & Responsibilities of Educators, Adult Service Providers (Ed O'Leary)
- Suicide Among the Youth: Facts, Figures and Formulas for Prevention (Karl Rosston)
- MT Career Information System (Kehli Kankleborg)
- What Transition Age Youth Should know about Social Security (Margaret Keener)
- *Youth Track*: Using Technology to be Independent at Home, School and Work (Theresa Baldry, et al)

Dinner on your own

Friday, November 16, 2012

Breakfast Provided

8:00- 9:30 AM

Adult Vendor Fair

Youth Track: Transition Planning and vendor fair preparation

9:45- 11:30 AM

Youth Vendor Fair

Concurrent Sectionals (Adult tracks)

- Parent to Parent (June Hermanson, facilitator)
- Educated, Connected, Ready! An Overview of MT Vocational Rehabilitation (Barb Schiedermayer)
- Using and Reporting Transition Assessments in IEP's (Ann Verploegen)
- Gaining Access to Adult Services (panel)
- Preparing ALL Youth with Disabilities to Work in the Community (Ellen Condon)

11:30 AM

Checkout—certificates, renewal units, etc.

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Are you registering as: ☐ Individual
☐ With a group

Please list group name:

Note: For a group registration, list the group contact below, and complete page three of the registration form with the names of the other group members.

Cost: Individual: **\$75**

Group rate: **\$60** per person (for groups of more than 3 individuals who register together)

One day attendance: **\$30** per day

Groups of 10 or more youth: **\$15** per youth per day (Please contact June at 442-2576 or mylfjune@bresnan.net for special circumstances or funding issues).

Contact Information (for individual registration or group contact)

First Name:

Last Name:

Company/Organization (if applicable):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Indicate your primary role: (please check one)

☐ Teacher

☐ Parent/Family Member

☐ Youth

☐ Service Provider

☐ Other:

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Accommodations

If you require an alternative format not addressed below, please contact June Hermanson at **Phone: 406-442-2576** or **Email: mylfjune@bresnan.net**. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate you if your request is received by October 15, 2012.

Alternate Format Request

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language Interpreter | <input type="checkbox"/> Compact Disc (CD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Braille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Print | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
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Registration Information

Method of Payment: Registration payments may be made out to *MYTransitions*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Check | Check Number: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order | PO Number: |

Number of registrants:

Total due/paid:

Please print this form and mail to: MYTransitions, 1617 Euclid Ave, Helena, MT 59601 or Email as an attachment to June Hermanson at mylfjune@bresnan.net.

Group Registration Information: Please list all the names of the group members
(these are *in addition* to the primary contact person listed on page 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u> (student, parent, teacher, para, etc.)	<u>Alt. Format</u> (please list)
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Please indicate what dates you will be attending the conference:

_____ **Entire length of the conference** (November 14-16, 2012)
_____ Wednesday, November 14, 2012
_____ Thursday, November 15, 2012
_____ Friday, November 16, 2012

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